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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 16, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-4. Remarks begin on page 5.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application: Response to Office Action Mailed January 16, 2004 (10 sheets); Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time (1 sheet); and Return Receipt Postcard.
2. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for a 3-month extension of time is enclosed.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 13, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: July 13, 2004

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